## **REGISTRATION FEE: \$55.00**

## I Hate to Write! Executive Functioning Strategies to Help Reluctant Writers Increase Academic Achievement and Improve Behavior

(.6 CEUs)

## **Description:**

This workshop is targeted to those who want to support students, with or without a disability, who struggle to meet academic standards due to writing challenges. There is a special focus on students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Most students with ASD hate to write. It is a high stakes skill, affecting both behavior and academic achievement. Even simple writing assignments require skills in language, organization, sensory, and visual motor areas. This session, presented by a Speech/Language Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist, will help educators look at the writing process through the eyes of a student with ASD. It will address the unique difficulties individuals with ASD, and related disorders, face when they are asked to write. Using an interactive format, the presenters will explore the organization, sensory, motor, and language challenges students experience during the writing process.

The presenters will share frustrations frequently expressed by educators as they try to help students meet the National Common Core Academic Standards for Writing: "He has good ideas but he just refuses to write!", "He can't seem to stay on topic", "He shuts down every time he picks up a pencil". Combining best practice strategies of a SLP and an OT, the presenters will offer specific, easy to use strategies to help educators address writing challenges in the classroom.

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*Special Assistance:* Any individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the support staff before the training.

## \*\*NOTICE\*\*

Call support staff to add your name to the waiting list when institute becomes full.

If payment is not received by June 16, participants will be contacted by support staff via phone and email to confirm payment has been mailed.

On June 30, participants who are on the waiting list will be contacted to confirm attendance and reminded to bring payment to institute.

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